

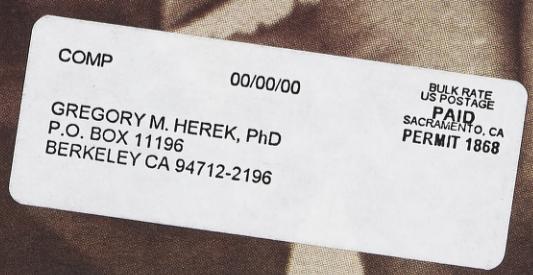
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Enjoyed Vibrant MGW Cover!

Dear Editor:

Just wanted you to know what a great time I had last Friday at the Sonia concert at McClatchy High School. Why am I writing you and MGW about this? Because the cover of the last MGW issue (5/1) featured this vibrant lesbian musician and prompted me to attend one of the best concerts I have ever been to. I also want to thank you for featuring the Sonia concert in MGW because doing so represented, to me, the type of "community-mindedness" I am inspired by:

A commitment to support the local YWCA (which the concert benefitted) by dedicating the cover of MGW to the concert, your desire to inform your readers, in a big way, of a wonderful performer we might want to check out though she is relatively unknown (maybe just to me!?) And because it promoted Sonia - an openly lesbian, energetic songstress - who donated her talents to this benefit. All of these aspects made attending the concert a perfect "fit" for me. Thanks, again!

Donna Matthews
Green Essentials
Sacramento

"Dignity for All Students" Act Passes Hearing

Dear Editor,

We needed 10 votes for the bill to pass Assembly Education Committee, and we got 10 votes. Those votes represent a lot of hard work on the part of author Sheila Kuehl and her staff, especially Jennifer Richardson.

It's been an exciting day, starting with a rally staged by Lou Sheldon and cohorts on the steps of the Capitol. Lou heralded every imaginable misinterpretation of the bill. This was to be expected, given the sound bites and attack ads opponents have been using against the bill. Assembly member Kuehl held a press conference at 12:30, and the bill came up an hour later before the Assembly Education Committee. The large hearing room, including balcony, was jam packed - standing room only. Members of local congregations had been bused in to be a physical presence against the bill. Committee Chair Kerry Mazzoni

admonished the overflow crowd to mind their manners in no uncertain terms. But she needn't have worried. It seems that many in the congregations speak little English. Mostly Eastern Europeans from Serbia and Russia, it was hard to tell what they had been told about AB 222; what they understood of the proceedings.

Sheila Kuehl was brilliant in her presentation. Her staff had done a masterful job in pulling together compelling testimony from students, parents, and endorsements by every educational group in California. It was a most impressive hearing. Each and every one of you would have been proud.

For once, the opposition was actually constrained in their presentation. The usual lies and misrepresentations were there, but in subdued voice and tone. And to a person, they decried any violence that may occur on school campuses.

AB 222 now heads to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, chaired by Assembly member Carole Migden of San Francisco. It is expected to pass that committee, as well as pass the Assembly Floor vote. But there is still PLENTY of work to do on our part. So stay tuned for those action alerts! Thanks Again,

Fred Harvey, President

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Millennium March Update

Dear Friends:

We want to keep you fully informed of developments, events and personalities contributing to the success of this upcoming Millennium March on Washington scheduled for April 30, 2000. That's why, over the next several weeks, I'm introducing you to the members of the Board of Directors of the Millennium March — the outstanding women and men who are volunteering their time and energy on behalf of the GLBT communities and our enlightened allies. I have been genuinely encouraged as this Board of Directors has taken shape over the past year. I believe the Board is fulfilling its mandate to be as broad and representative and inclusive as is our entire GLBT community.

Today, I'd like to introduce you to Duane Cramer, a tireless worker for HIV and AIDS education and awareness in the African-American and Latino

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communities and another shining light in our GLBT movement.

Duane Cramer is an AIDS activist and an active member of the Board of Directors for the NAMES Project Foundation for the AIDS Memorial Quilt. He brings incredible passion and sensitivity to his HIV and AIDS work. His father, a professor at Howard University, died of AIDS-related complications in 1986. Duane, too, is HIV+. Out of his passion for HIV and AIDS awareness, his employer, Xerox, awarded Duane a social service leave-of-absence. He has devoted this special leave to his work with the AIDS Memorial Quilt and to HIV education among communities of color, especially African American and Latino school-aged youth.

Duane notes a recent Harvard University study which indicates that 44 percent of African Americans say the AIDS crisis has worsened in their communities and 50% are very concerned about HIV infection, a rate twice that of a national sample of all Americans. Duane also notes, "As an African American, I'm especially concerned about what's happening to people of color. According to the US Centers for Disease Control, African Americans now represent more than one-third of all reported cases of AIDS in the United States and 43% of new cases, even though they comprise only 12% of the US population. Latino populations account for 20% of new cases. And African American women represent 60% of all new cases among women. These statistics are staggering."

During his leave of absence from Xerox, Duane has met with school superintendents, administrators and teachers across the United States and has spoken to high school groups of up to 1800 students. We're honored that Duane Cramer brings his experience, expertise and passion to the work of the Millennium March on Washington for Equality.

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Skip Year 2000

Dear Editor,

Is not the expenditure of millions of dollars by virtually every corporation in the country, only to assess and correct a simple computer program

design oversight involving two zeros, of more importance than the personal whim of Pope Gregory? Why not agree just to skip "the year 2000" altogether and call next year 2001?

Among Earth's societies there are Chinese, Hebrew, Aztec, Hindu, Mayan, and who knows how many other calendars, each one different from all the others. Yet people's lives go on! Do we value what is really nothing but an arbitrary, existentially meaningless uninterrupted sequence of abstract numbers worth such a monstrous expenditure of money and resources which our intelligence tells us would be much better saved, or spent elsewhere?

Glenn Rice
Davis

Defense of Marriage and The Council of Churches

Dear Editor,

The California Council of Churches is raising money to write a study guide for congregations to take a look at the Defense of Marriage Act which is slated to be on the ballot next year. As you know, it is designed to keep same-sex relations out of the legal arena. If you know anyone who has a particular interest in this area, please let them know of our plan. They can call 916-442-5447.

Thank you.

Name Withheld

Do You Know Ken Brock?

Dear Editor,

Ken is turning 50 years old on July 14th. I want to give him a gift that I know will mean a lot to him. You can contribute to this gift and that's why I'm writing. I should first introduce myself. I'm Alec Reid and I live in BC. I am Ken's boyfriend. I am going to compile essays written by his friends, family, colleagues, acquaintances and others Ken has touched his life.

Please send it in final form, typed, one sided, single spaced, on 8.5 x 11 paper no later than June 1st. This will give me time to have them compiled and bound in time for his birthday.

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UNDER THE DOME

COMMENTARY

Is Dr. Laura A "Good Person" A Retraction

Robert Rowe, Guest Writer

An article of mine entitled "Is Dr. Laura A Good Person?" appeared in the February 15th issue of *MGW*. Although I cited flaws in the advice offered by the popular talk show host, I opined that all things considered, she is a good person. I had reached that conclusion because of certain values she had gleaned during her conversion to Judaism, and because she insisted that callers assume responsibility for their own behavior. In addition, she displayed a degree of sensitivity to gay and lesbian callers, and had advised the distraught parents of homosexual youths to contact PFLAG, an admirable support group for parents and friends of lesbians and gays.

Within the last few months, however, Dr. Laura seems to be obsessed with negativity concerning homosexuality. She unequivocally rejects any semblance of religiously based blessings for homosexual relationships. She refers to homosexuality as "deviant behavior", a "faux pas" in God's plan. In the past she had expressed the opinion that homosexuality is not a choice; now she seems convinced that homosexuals can be converted to heterosexuality. She even goes so far as to recommend the so-called "reparative therapy" offered by fundamentalist Christian groups. In fact seldom a day, perhaps even an hour, goes by without her uttering a negative comment concerning homosexuality. Opposition has become an obsession of hers.

Another reason to alter my original impression of Dr. Laura is the inconsistency she exhibits regarding a supposed rejection of information which is based on rumor, unscientific data and other questionable sources. Frequently she labels challenges to her own opinions as "unreliable". Then she has the chutzpa to use unverified newspaper articles and information drawn from unknown letter writers and chance acquaintances to support her own opinions.

A classic example of reliance on a questionable source involves a brief conversation she had with an unknown doctor who by chance was a passenger on a flight she had taken. The "doctor" told her that 15% of homosexuals are pedophiles. She repeated that undocumented statistic to her radio audience and added an equally unsubstantiated claim that the "homosexual community" (whatever that may be) supports NAMBLA, an organization vigorously discredited by most homosexuals because of its advocacy of sex with children.

Even when a reputable scientifically conducted study refutes specific claims of Dr. Laura, she has been known to twist its data to her own advantage. For example, Dr. Laura claims that circumcision is a sacred rite, and that it provides significant health benefits. Then she irrationally suggests that anyone who opposes circumcision is antisemitic. To support her health

claim she cites a statistic from the reputable study which indicates that one in two hundred uncircumcised boys might contract an infection which is found less frequently in circumcised boys. Although that information is true, she fails to mention that the infection is relatively benign and is easily treated, nor does she mention that circumcision does not, as has been claimed, reduce the probability of masturbation. In fact it has been shown in some studies to increase the probability. She also avoids mentioning a probable benefit to uncircumcised males, a pleasurable increase in sensitivity experienced during sexual activity. Although circumcision constitutes a rite that caters to parental religious commitments, it provides no significant benefit of any kind to a boy.

Dr. Laura's recent pronounce-

ment mirrors the anti-gay methods of Jesse Helms, Jerry Falwell, the Pats Robertson and Buchanan, Rush Limbaugh, the Promise Keepers, and Reggie White. What is especially abhorrent about such pronouncements is the impetus, intended or not, which they provide for senseless, devastation harassment which impressionable so-called "straight" youths thrust on youths perceived to be gay.

Dr. Laura claims to be the champion of children. She identifies herself as "My Kid's Mom". Not only does she do nothing to protect gay and lesbian youth from the onslaught of abuse but she provides ammunition for the abuser. Evidently in her code of morality, gay and lesbian children are not only "mistakes" but are expendable as well. I no longer think of Dr. Laura as a good person.



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Tax Equity For Domestic Partners Advances

Legislation authored by Assembly member Wally Knox (D-Los Angeles) to provide State tax benefits to domestic partners passed its first legislative test. The measure, AB 901, passed the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on a vote of 5-2. 'Domestic Partner Tax Equity Act', AB 901 will enable unmarried domestic partners to take advantage of tax deductions and exclusions for medical expenses that currently are available to married taxpayers and their dependents. Under this legislation, domestic partners will be able to: exclude from gross income the value of employer-provided health insurance coverage, deduct health care costs that exceed 7.5% of adjusted gross income, deduct health insurance costs if self-employed.

"Hundreds of private companies offer health insurance coverage to domes-

tic partners of their employees. These employees are taxed on the benefit, while their coworkers who are married are not," Knox said. "In this measure, we are not seeking preferential treatment, but rather, equal treatment under the law," he added.

In order to qualify for the tax benefits in the Knox measure, the domestic partners must meet specified criteria such as having a common residence, sharing basic living expenses, and agreeing to be jointly responsible for each other if one partner is unable to provide for herself or himself. These criteria would be certified through filing a Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the Secretary of State, as proposed in another measure introduced in the legislature this session. The next vote on AB 901 will be in Assembly Appropriations Committee this month.

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Committee Supports Gay Youth Intern

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) recently expressed its support for a youth intern working in the AFSC's Seattle-based Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ) Youth Program, who is the subject of an anonymous "Christian Alert" that refers to him as a "threat to our Christian and moral beliefs." The alert, a widely distributed e-mail message, calls upon recipients of the alert to "let [him] know how you feel," by visiting his personal website.

"Robert (last name withheld) obviously has been singled out because of his courage and activism," said Judith Kolokoff, Director of the AFSC's Pacific Northwest Regional Office. "This alert is presented in the language of religion and morality, no doubt by people sincere about their religious beliefs. While the intentions of the writers may be simply to voice their convictions, a too-frequent effect of anti-gay proclamations using loaded and sensational language is to tacitly encourage the rancor and hate of individuals who are ready to lash out with violent words and actions. The resulting harassment of people who are GLBT is anything but moral."

Plans are in the works for a public, interfaith witness, "Love & Justice: People of Faith support GLBT Youth".

Robert, himself a Christian, recently began receiving numerous vitriolic e-mails, all emphasizing the same basic theme: "You're a sinner, and

God hates you," most of them coming from self-identified Christians. But he was not aware of this "Christian Alert" until an unknown, but sympathetic, person shared it because he felt Robert ought to know that this document was circulating via e-mail.

According to the special AFSC representative for GLBT programs, Kay Whitlock, the authorship of the "Christian Alert" is unknown. "While we have traced some of the routing of this document through ultra-conservative, right-wing religious networks in Colorado and Texas, it's impossible to know which individuals or organizations ultimately are responsible.

"The AFSC religious witness is one of actively treasuring all members of the human community," said Whitlock. "To GLBT-questioning young people, we say that we have been standing with you for more than 20 years and will continue to do so."

Hate-Crimes Bill Defeated In House

South Carolina's House Judiciary Committee shot down proposed legislation that would have imposed stiffer penalties on those convicted of committing hate crimes.

Without debate, the 14-8 vote killed the bill already passed by the Senate, making it unlikely that it would leave the House of Representatives in the few weeks remaining in the session.

Party lines where adhered to with two exceptions: Republican Representatives Lynn Seithel and Mickey Whatley both voted against tabling the measure. Republican Representative John Graham

Altman was a vocal opponent saying he didn't want to "sit there and listen to the liberals whine about how some people need special protection" and worked to garner support to stall the bill.

Reactions among other members of the House were mixed with several expressing disappointment at the lack of discussion and Altman's pressure to disable the bill.

Poll Shows Maryland Residents Support Anti-Discrimination Bill

A poll conducted by the Human Rights Campaign of voters shows overwhelming bipartisan support for passage of a Maryland Anti-Discrimination bill. A full two-thirds of the sample believe that discrimination based on sexual orientation should be illegal and support a bill pending before the state Senate that would prohibit such discrimination. Already passed by the House of Delegates, the legislation now faces the Senate's conservative Judicial Proceedings Committee. Passage will depend on the continued efforts of Governor Parris Glendening whose successful lobbying efforts included an emotional five minute speech before the House Judiciary Committee where he spoke of how legal discrimination took its toll on his brother Bruce, a career military service-member, who died of complications from AIDS in 1992. Passage would allow the Maryland Commission on Human Relations to investigate complaints of discrimination and place it among the several other states already having such protective laws on the books.

Keeping Up With The Times

Once again a media giant steps in and the small fries quake. The New York Times will be inserting and distributing 500,000 predominately gay-themed advertising supplements around New York's Pride Day, probably in the week of June 20th.

Though mainly advertorial, it will contain a fair share of editorial content aimed at the gay population with a nod to the straight crowd that will also be reading it. Targeting select neighborhoods in N.Y. and major cities around the country, this quantity represents nearly half of the Times' total print run.

As yet unnamed, the supplement is expected to attract big advertising bucks in order to reach the Times' upscale, affluent, educated readership. Meanwhile, it's also calling forth mixed reactions from the lesbian and gay press such as *Out*, *Genre*, and *The Advocate*. Some think there is no cause for concern, actually embracing this further evidence of mainstream recognition. Others believe it will dilute the pool of advertising dollars usually made available to the LGBT publications, fearing a growing trend away from the smaller independents to the more far-reaching leviathans that may eventually dominate the band wagon. It could herald the beginning of a significant alteration in the landscape of gay publishing. Only the Times will tell.

Libertarian Candidate Hits the Mark First

Libertarian presidential candidate Larry Hines announced his presidential candidacy on the internet long before Steve Forbes.

On March 16, Steve Forbes launched his campaign website claiming to be the "first presidential candidate in U.S. history to announce his campaign on the internet."

"Either Forbes is trying to

write history the way he wants it to look," Hines said, "or he is completely uninformed as to what is happening on the internet."

In November 1997, Hines started a short-lived topic entitled "Is America Ready for an openly gay, HIV-Positive President?" on the CNN-Time's Politics discussion forum on Pathfinder. In January 1999, Hines designed his own official presidential campaign website.

"I've been campaigning on the web and conversing with my constituents via the internet for quite some time," Hines said. "It would not have taken much research by Mr. Forbes' camp to find out that information."

You can learn more about the LarryHinesIn2000 campaign on the internet at www.GayWired.com/LarryHinesIn2000.

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Lavender Library Grand Opening

The Lavender Library, Archives and Cultural Exchange ("LLACE"), Sacramento's new gay and lesbian library, will have its grand opening celebration on Saturday, May 22 from noon until 6 p.m. at its current location, 2727 B Street, Suite 2 (in the B Street Theater complex).

Special events include music by Cherie Nichols and Renee Lopez; a poetry reading by Michael Gorman; Sacramento's first Lambda Literary Award winner, as well as other local poets, book readings and an art show. Artists whose works will be on display include Steven Otjen (collages), Liza Fox (photography), Mark Teamer (pen and ink drawings) and Trina Sandress (acrylics and watercolor).

Iced tea will be served and there will be drawings for door prizes, including a \$50 gift certificate from Virgin Records. In addition, library cards and book marks will be available for visitors.

As a further demonstration of its presence in the community, LLACE is also co-sponsoring the 1999 Spring Book Fair with the Open Book on the very next day. Travel Concepts is also a co-sponsor of the Book Fair, which will be held at the bookstore, 910 21st Street on Sunday, May 23 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Book Fair provides a space where gay

and lesbian organizations can raise money by selling donated books, CDs, records and other items. Tables are still available. Interested organizations should contact the Open Book at 498-1004. LLACE, the realization of a year of hard work by community members Gail Lang, Kimberly Weer, Michael Bennett and many other dedicated local gay and lesbian activists, actually moved into its current quarters in February and began circulating books to community members shortly thereafter.

During the planning and development process, the group expressed and overcame many differences of opinion. The name itself, Lavender Library, Archives, and Cultural Exchange, reflects the diversity of interests various members wanted to promote. For example, Gail's heart was set on having a library to preserve out-of-print books. Michael envisioned an archives of original materials preserving the history of diverse local organizations. Kimberly was a strong advocate for cultural—musical and artistic—exchange. In the end, all three ideas were incorporated into the name, and into the group's vision of the library's mission.

Currently, the library has more than 1,000 volumes, as well as videotapes and periodicals. The books and videotapes circulate, but the periodicals are available for perusal only in the library itself, which has two rooms, including one reading room. The library is open from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The collection is expected to continue growing, both through donations and purchases. Out-of-print books are especially sought. "We want the community to know they can trust us with their historical treasures," Gail said.

Donations of books and academic papers are welcome, as well as collections of local gay and lesbian newspapers and magazines that have come and gone, photographs, videotapes, even matchbook covers of bars that once existed but no longer do—any memorabilia that will tell future

generations about who we were and how we lived.

If for any reason the library should become defunct, donated items would not be lost. The articles of incorporation of LLACE provide for the transfer of holdings to other similar collections, such as the Gay and Lesbian Historical Archives in San Francisco, the Mazer Collection in Los Angeles, and the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York. Some books are being targeted for purchase with grant money. LLACE has received a \$750 grant from the Lambda Freedom Fair and is in the process of purchasing new books with an emphasis on areas of transgender, children, youth and ethnic gay studies. A list of the books being purchased can be obtained at the library.

The cultural exchange aspect of LLACE is also underway. A writers' group has begun meeting every other Thursday at the library. The next meetings scheduled are for May

20 and June 3 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Leah at Leahll@yahoo.com. In addition, a new Latino reading group began meeting at the library on the 14th of May.

To realize its vision for growth and expansion, the library needs and will continue to need volunteers. While a "rainbow" of monetary categories is available for cardholders, with each category having specified borrowing privileges, less affluent or more avid members of the community can gain access to the library collection by donating their time. Volunteers will be trained by Michael Bennett in basic library skills. The tasks are many and varied. People are needed to catalogue and inventory the collection, to put covers on the books to help preserve them, write thank you notes for donations and plan fund-raisers, and do many other tasks. Interested persons can contact Michael Bennett at 927-9181, or call the library at 492-0558.

Sacramento Valley Leathermen Donate

Sacramento Leather Daddy '99, Brian Peters, presented a check to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation earmarked for the SAF Hand to Hand Program. The funds, generated at benefit events sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Leathermen, will aid the organization in providing one on one, personalized services for their clients.

Peters has made fundraising a priority during his title reign. The non-profit fraternal order has raised several thousand dollars since their inception in 1997, most of which has gone to local and AIDS related charities.



from left to right: Brian Peters, Julianna Tachibana, Michael Lemon, and Bill Kameron.

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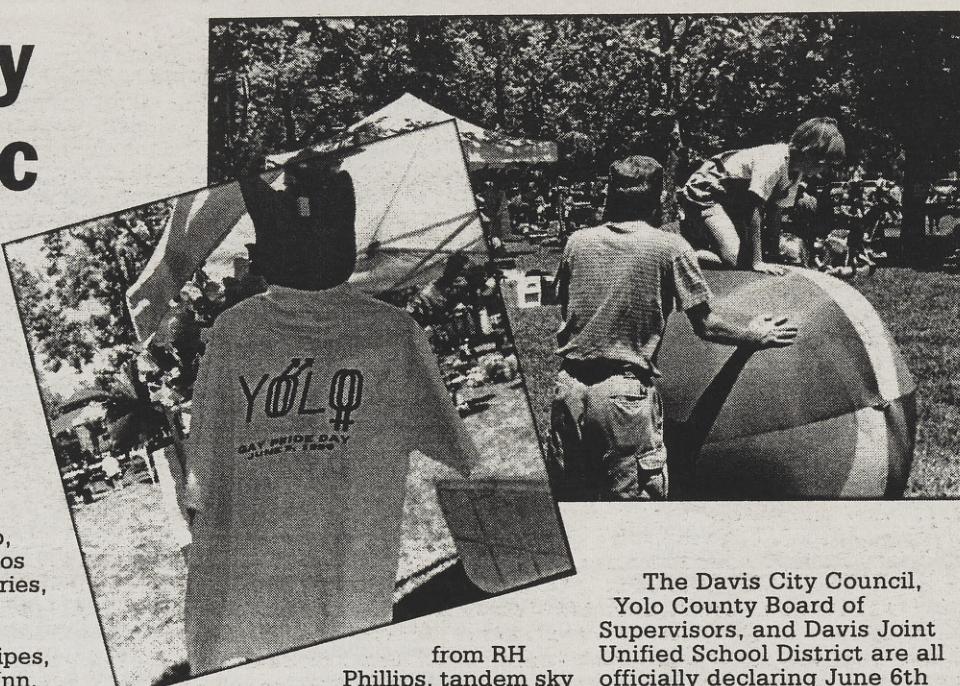
Yolo County Gay Pride Day Picnic

The fourth annual Yolo County Gay Pride Day Picnic in Davis is June 6th in Central Park, 5th and B Streets, 11:30-4:30. This free event offers continuous stage entertainment including Diane Patterson Xtet, Duval Speck and Friends, DIVA with Janie Howard, Circle with Kelly Conway, Lynelle Tyler, and Diane Patterson, Illusionist Christian with Magic Over the Rainbow and some surprises.

Also free for children and adults are Poky Dots the Clown with balloon figures, the Co-op Carrot, carousel rides, popcorn, button making, an earth ball, and face painting. Additionally, there will be the now famous Great Water Balloon Toss. New

this year is a Dance for all with DJ Jeysen.

This event is supported by a raffle. There are over 100 prizes valued at over \$3,000: gift certificates to Armadillo Music, Davis Food Co-op, Bogeys Books, Dos Coyotes, Discoveries, The Avid Reader, Borders Books, Fuzio's, Thai Recipes, DCTV, Hallmark Inn, Village Bakery, Lioness Books, The Open Book, Edgewater Resorts, and others; a one year internet subscription from mother.com, a case of wine



from RH Phillips, tandem sky Jump from Sky Dance Sky Diving, two nights stay at Holly's Place, and one bread a month for a year from Upper Crust Bakery.

The Davis City Council, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, and Davis Joint Unified School District are all officially declaring June 6th Gay Pride Day.

Info: www.mother.com/gaydaydavis, gayday@davis.com, Shelly and Ellen, 530/753-8283.

25th Silver Jubilee

Over 275 people attended the 25th Silver Jubilee Coronation, Saturday, April 24th at the Towe Auto Museum where new monarchs, HMIM Emperor #26, Oscar Bautista and HMIM Empress #26, Alta Mae Redondo were crowned. Last year's Regent announced that the Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc. raised over \$50,000 in 1998. Entertainment included The Widow Norton, San Francisco



Empress #24, Pat Montclaire, Sacramento's Empress #5, Shannon, and Large Marge. At Sunday's Victory Brunch, San Francisco's HMIM's Emperor T.J. Istvan and Empress Sheba were accorded the honorary titles of Emperor and Empress of California for raising \$250 for the newly created LaKish Hayworth Scholarship Fund in under twenty minutes. Info: 207-8356.



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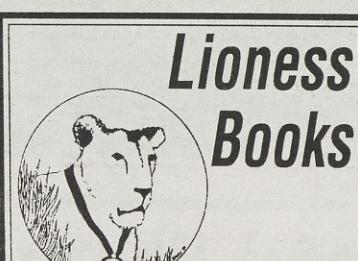
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Michael Eisner, the Convention Bureau and Gay Days

First Michael Eisner, Walt Disney Company CEO, is seen on national television in a bright red polo shirt making public service announcements, and then the Orlando Convention and Visitor's Bureau urges its members to "wear red" at its monthly luncheon meetings as a "united visual reminder" of the tremendous contributions of the tourism industry to the nation's economic, social, and cultural health! It started 10 years ago when Orlando's GL residents decided to have fun and make a statement about their participation in Central Florida's tourism industry. Using the Internet as a publicity tool, they urged people to meet at the Magic Kingdom on the first Sunday in June and wear red to make their numbers known. This year, as many as 150,000 Gay Day revelers will descend upon Orlando June 3-6. Info: <http://www.gaydays.com> or phone (888) 9-GAYDAYZ.

1999 Los Angeles Dyke March

Women from all over Southern California will participate in the 6th annual Los Angeles Dyke March on Saturday, June 12, 7pm beginning at the corner of Santa Monica and Doheny Blvd. in West Hollywood. The largest Dyke March to date attracted more than 2,500 participants and organizers are expecting to match that number again this year. Highlights of the event include speakers from organizations that offer services to women: the June Mazer Collection, the Feminist Majority, Californians for Fairness and the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center. A demonstration by Dykes on Bikes, and a costume contest at the conclusion of the Dyke March will also take place. Participants are encouraged to dress as their favorite lesbian icon, i.e. Peppermint Patty and Marcie, Xena and Gabrielle, Thelma and Louise, Gloria Steinem, Amelia Earhart, Indigo Girls, Billie Holliday, etc.

Info: 323-692-1029.

Manual Discusses Effective Strategies for Transitioning on the job

The Human Rights Campaign has created a guide that examines transgender workplace issues, including a discussion of the law and strategies for dealing with transitioning on the job. "We created this guide to help both workers and employers who need assistance navigating these complicated and difficult issues," said HRC Education Director Kim I. Mills. "We hope it will serve as an effective tool for educating people and eliminating as many barriers as possible for successful workplace transitions." Among the subjects covered: preparing management and coworkers, the extent of legal protection for workplace gender nonconformity, talking points for seeking management's understanding and cooperation and preparing a fallback plan. The new guide, "Transgenderism and Transition in the Workplace" was written by Dana Priesing, Esq. It is the latest tool from HRC's WorkNet, a national source of information on workplace and corporate attitudes. All WorkNet tools are posted at www.hrc.org/worknet.

Maureen O'Leary Moves to Top Spot

The board of directors of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) announced that Maureen O'Leary would become its new executive director. O'Leary, who was hired in June 1998 as associate director and became GLMA's acting director in March, received her Masters Degree from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird), and spent 10 years in healthcare. Before coming to GLMA, she worked at the State Bar of California as the Deputy Director of the Office of Legal Services. "I am thrilled to be part of an organization that is doing such important work,"

O'Leary said. "I look forward to helping us expand our influence and raise concerns about health care in the United States and specifically the care of those in the LGBT community."

Christopher Isherwood Archive Comes to the Huntington Library

The complete literary archive of the highly acclaimed twentieth century author Christopher Isherwood has come to The Huntington Library. Isherwood (1904-1986), an English-born, naturalized U.S. citizen, lived in Southern California from 1939 until his death. This author of plays, screenplays, novels and nonfiction wrote works that transcend classification in their combination of autobiographical and imaginative elements. The collection came to The Huntington through gift and purchase. Artist Don Bachardy, Isherwood's longtime companion and executor, has given a part of the archive to the library and The Huntington has agreed to purchase the remainder of this important collection. The arrival of the collection marks the 60th anniversary of Isherwood's arrival in Southern California. The archive is a rich resource of literary drafts, diaries, notes,

Lesbian and Gay Teens Are Supported By Massachusetts

Massachusetts, of the first states to actively support lesbian and gay youth, heralds its commitment to equality and acceptance in two upcoming events. The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) of Phillips Academy in Andover is celebrating its 10th anniversary and on May 15th, the Gay Youth Pride March on Boston's State House will be held. Over 50 percent of a total of 300 hundred high schools in Massachusetts have GSA chapters and 1.5 million dollars in state funds this year are allocated for the state's gay and lesbian youth.

correspondence files, photographs and annotated books. "The collection deserves to be in a library with international stature, one where it will be used by scholars. The Huntington is not only the pre-eminent research institution in this region, it is also one of the most appropriate libraries anywhere for the archive to reside, given the modern British literary archives already housed in its stacks."

Family Abroad

Family Abroad is offering a "London Pride and Manchester Trip" this June 27-July 5 to tie in one of Europe's major Pride events. The tour will include a trip to Manchester's Gay Village, an alternative to London's intense nightlife,

offering gay bars, restaurants, and dance clubs in a tolerant and friendly environment. The North English countryside is also on the agenda. Info: 800/999-5500, info@familyabroad.com.

LGBT Radio Talk Show

The LGBT radio show "This Way Out" moved into its 12th year in April. Now with home satellite and cable distribution, it will reach a potential worldwide audience of over 22 million households. The award-winning show features news items, readings, music, and interviews from within the LGBT culture. Wednesday, 1pm, KYDS, 91.5FM.



SAGA announces New Board

The Sacramento Arts and Games Association (SAGA) will hold its first general meeting 7:30, May 26th at Sacramento's Townhouse Bar and Lounge. The new Board of Directors, chaired by Jayne Moore Bud Dolan. Jayne joined SAGA in 1993. She participated in the Gay Games in New York. "I bowled with people from all over the world and, that in itself was worth the trip!" She went on to win a Bronze medal in the singles event last year at the Gay Games in Amsterdam. Bud is a 10 year member of the Gay bowling league and has been a member of SAGA since 1994. Joining them are financial planner Tom Lane (Secretary and Treasurer), Virginia Maulfair (Sports and Cultural Coordinator) and Joe Rodriguez (Public Relations and Fundraising).

The job of preparing and encouraging participants for the next Gay Games, "Under New Skies" in Sydney 2002 begins now! Information, Jayne Moore at 451-8663, Tom Lane at 635-1535.

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McKinney, In Letters From Jail, Admits Bias Against Shepard

After the April 5 sentencing of Russell Henderson for the kidnapping and murder of Matthew Shepard, Henderson's lawyer Wyatt Skaggs released handwritten letters to the Casper Star-Tribune allegedly authored by co-defendant Aaron McKinney which recounts the events leading to Shepard's fatal beating. Writes McKinney, "While he was comming [sic] out of the closet, he grabbed my nuts and licked my ear!! Being a very drunk I flipped out and began to pistol whip the fag with my gun, ready at hand." Although McKinney writes, "I had no intention to kill anyone and did not single him out because he was gay." Dion Custis, the public defender for McKinney, disputes the authenticity of the letters.

Info or comment: Ben Stilp (GLAAD), 212/807-1700x14. ☎

Christians Launch \$21M Campaign

A fund-raising and voter turnout drive begun by the Christian Coalition, is seeking monthly donations from church members throughout the country to help meet its \$21 million goal. Funds are to be used to recruit and train more than one million activists. The activists will then encourage conservatives to vote in the 2000 elections. The campaign will also make the Christian Coalition's voter guide available on the Internet. Randy Tate, the group's executive director, called the grassroots effort "a combination of old-fashioned shoe leather and handbills coupled with high-tech technology." Coalition President Pat Robertson said the drive and the more accessible of voter guides, is aimed at getting a record turnout of religious-conservative voters. "This isn't some radical extreme; it's straight down the middle of what the American people would like to see," he said. "All we want to do is facilitate their knowledge of the issues and facilitate their citizenship involvement." "About a half-million letters were mailed to church members, asking each to donate about \$20 a month for the next 21 months," Robertson said. Americans United for Separation of Church and State criticized the campaign as a part of an "annual publicity stunt that promises much, much more than the group can deliver." ☎

Hawaiian Anti-Gay Group Targets Vermonters As They Consider Gay Marriage

Three Vermont couples have challenged lower court rulings that hold there is no fundamental right to same-sex marriage. While the State Supreme Court of Vermont is considering the case, the Alliance for Traditional Marriage Hawaii sent a letter out to every household in Vermont

arguing for a ban on gay marriage. The mailing was funded by Ohio-based Citizens for Community Values for \$40,000. Early reports indicate that Vermonters found this mailing presumptuous and offensive.

Info: Mary Ronato (Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders), 817/426-1350. ☎

Gay Liberation Front Celebrates Thirty Years

A few weeks after the 1969 Stonewall Inn uprising, a group of young, gay New York City radicals came together to form the Gay Liberation Front, launching the LG civil rights movement. Actions included picketing anti-gay establishments, "kiss a queer" booths at mainstream student functions, and alliances with organizations such as the Black Panthers. The 30th anniversary of the Gay Liberation Front is this summer, with festivities scheduled to take place across America.

Info: Jerry Weinstein (GLAAD), 212/807-1700. ☎

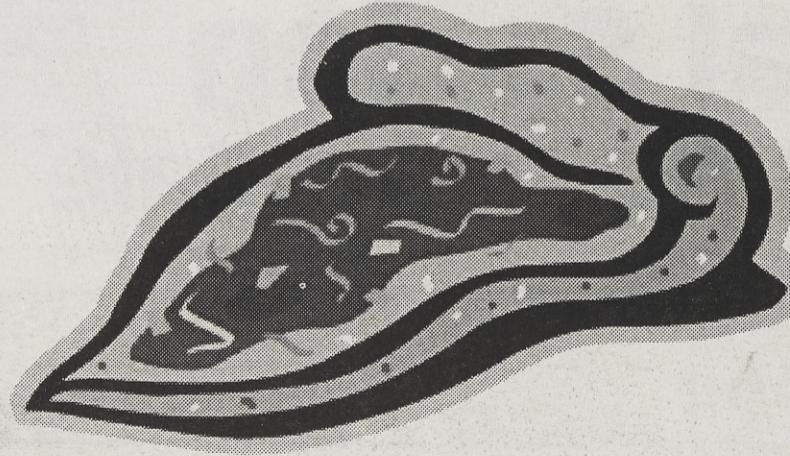
Call for "The 20 Best Lesbian & Gay Films of the 20th Century"

GLADD and Absolute Vodka announced the beginning of a year-long ballot initiative to determine "The 20 Best Lesbian & Gay Films of the 20th Century." The project commemorates the first 100 years of depicting GLBT communities in film. The 166 ballot choices range from such Hollywood heavy

weights as *In & Out* and *Philadelphia*; to independent favorites like *Go Fish* and *Gods and Monsters*; to films with significant and groundbreaking portrayals, such as *The Crying Game* and *Different for Girls*. GLADD will distribute ballots throughout the year at upcoming GLAAD Media

Awards ceremonies, at lesbian and gay film festivals, as well as at Pride celebrations nationwide. Online voting is available at <http://www.glaad.org>. Each voter will be automatically entered in a drawing to win two round-trip tickets to any one of GLAAD's Media Awards ceremonies in 2000.

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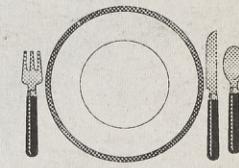
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BARBECUE TIME! Part One

By Randy Hartley MGW/Staff

Revered as a gift from the gods in many eons past, fire has magical powers. After its leaping flames die down, its embers form an incandescent bed above which foods of almost every description can be grilled or roasted and in the process become permeated by the delicate but distinctive fragrance of smoke. Depending on taste, the fare can be as plain as hamburgers or as fancy as a butterflyed

to clay ovens, fireplaces and eventually—metal stoves. Outdoor cooking was left to hunters and fishermen, shepherds and adventurers.

In the New World, early explorers and settlers rediscovered the rewards of cooking over coals. The Spaniards found the Caribbean Indians cooking their game and fish on green-wood grills called barbacoas, which were suspended above pits heated with

Barbecues and clambakes survived chiefly as community festivities, often gargantuan in scale.

Until the 1940's, however, only campers and picnickers regularly paid much attention to outdoor cooking. Then, exuberantly changing their life style, Americans traded their city apartments for suburban houses and turned their new backyards into outdoor living rooms. Cooking and eating al-fresco became the vogue. No longer an occasional summer treat, cooking over coals developed into an everyday affair whose popularity has grown over the decades since.

Basically, modern techniques of outdoor cooking mirror ancient



leg of lamb. Achieving predictable, delicious results when cooking any food over glowing embers takes time to learn but the effort is well worth it.

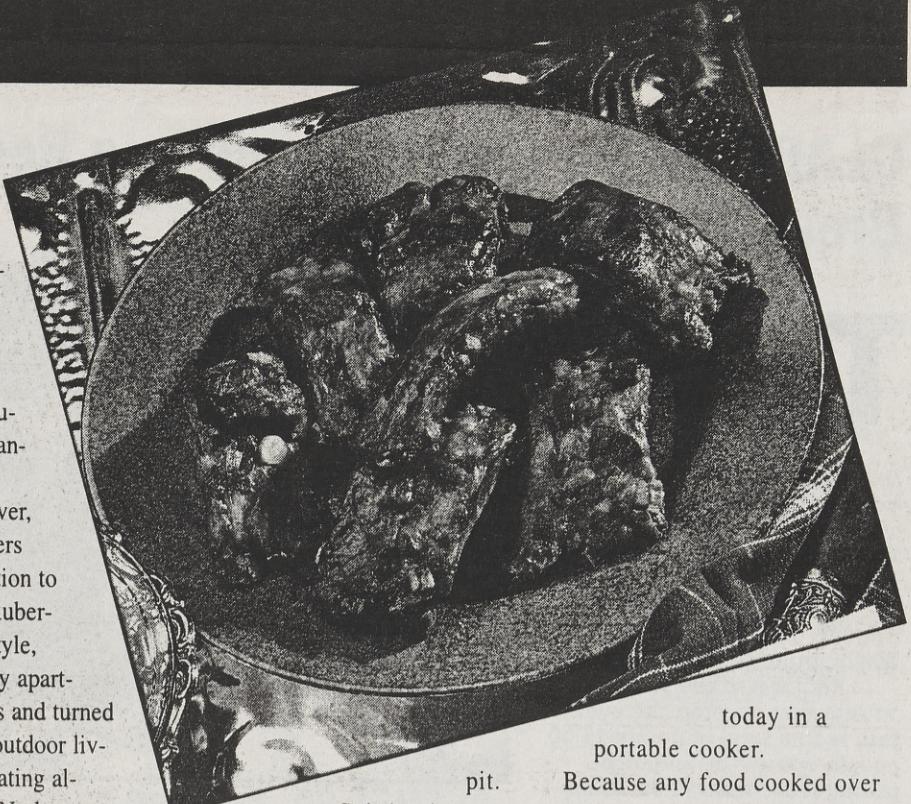
I look at cooking on the barbecue as an ancient art. In every part of the world, the outdoors was man's first kitchen and an open fire his first stove; his first cooking method was to lay the food in the smoldering embers or impale it on sticks held over them. An early description of outdoor cooking appears in the *Iliad* of the Greek poet Homer, who recounts that Trojan warriors slew "a sheep of silvery whiteness" and "cut the meat carefully up into smaller pieces, spitted them, and drew them off again when they were well roasted."

For soldiers and civilians alike, such feasts became rarer as cities grew and Old World cooks took their fires indoors

wood fires. The colonists of Virginia learned from the Indians to barbecue pigs in a similar manner, and the Pilgrims adopted the New England Indians' technique of baking clams and fish in pits lined with seaweed-covered stones.

Over the years, however, Americans also abandoned the open fire for the convenience of indoor kitchens.

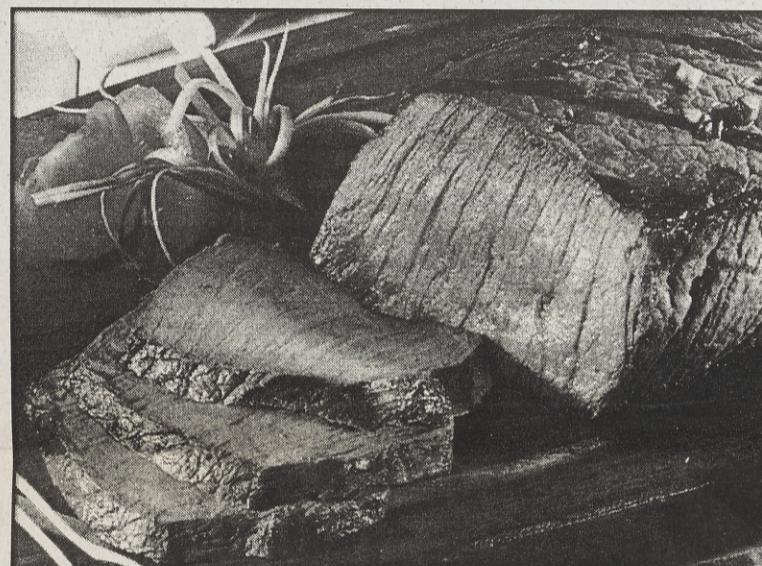
practices. Food is still grilled, but on a metal rack instead of a barbacoa, and the fire is contained in a metal bowl or box instead of a



today in a portable cooker.

Because any food cooked over coals is innately rich, experience has proved that the most appropriate beverages to accompany it are simple ones. Red or white wines or beer with its mildly bitter taste is always welcome. And for those who prefer nonalcoholic beverages, iced tea is refreshing and flavorful, particularly if it is laced with slices of lemon or lime and sprigs of fresh mint.

Part two in the next issue I will share with you a great barbecue recipe submitted by Don Burns for "Guinea on a Guinness" or "Drunken Chicken". Until then Bon Appetit!



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GLADD Media Awards Come to a Record Breaking Close

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLADD) set record attendance at its 10th Annual Media Awards.

Honoring the best and brightest media representations of the GLBT community over the past year, the star-studded event was held in New York City on March 28, in Los Angeles on April 17, and in Washington, DC on May 9.

In addition to the 150 media outlets that covered the events this year, a total of nearly 4,000 people were in attendance, raising more than \$1.8 million dollars which will go towards supporting GLADD's ongoing work ensuring fair, accurate, and inclusive representations in the media. Of the total funds raised \$1.1 million came from corporate sponsorships.



Melissa Etheridge and Julie Cypher - Stephen F. Kolzak Award. Presented to an openly gay or lesbian individual in the media for outstanding contribution in combating homophobia. The award is named for the first recipient, a Los Angeles casting director who devoted the last parts of his life to fighting AIDS-phobia and homophobia within the entertainment industry.

Whoopi Goldberg - Vanguard Award. Presented to a member of the entertainment and media community who has made a significant difference in promoting equal rights for the GLBT community.

Larry King - Vision Award. Presented to a media professional who has had a long-term vision and commitment to making a difference in society by

promoting equal rights for gays and lesbians.

Armistead Maupin - Capital Award.

Presented to an only gay or lesbian individual who has achieved excellence in a specific area of media and furthered the visibility and inclusion of the community through his or her work.

RuPaul - Vito Russo Entertainer Award.

Presented to an openly gay or lesbian individual who has achieved excellence in a specific area of media and has furthered the visibility and understanding of the GLBT community through his or her work. It is named for one of the founding members of GLAA, who wrote the groundbreaking and definitive source on lesbian and gay images in film, *The Celluloid Closet*.

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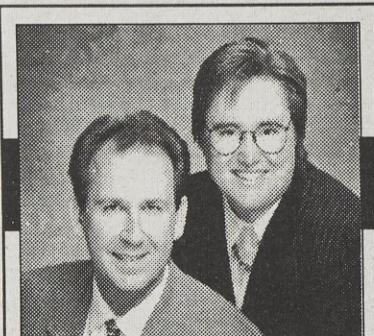
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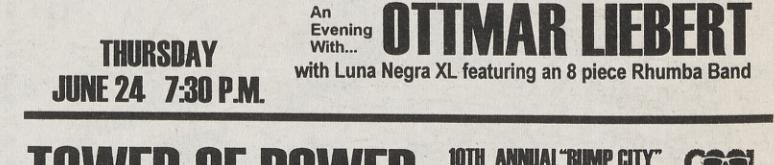
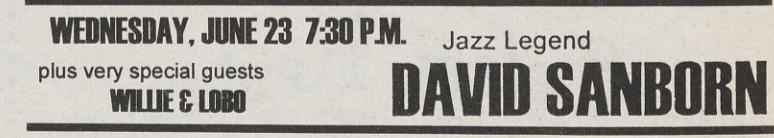
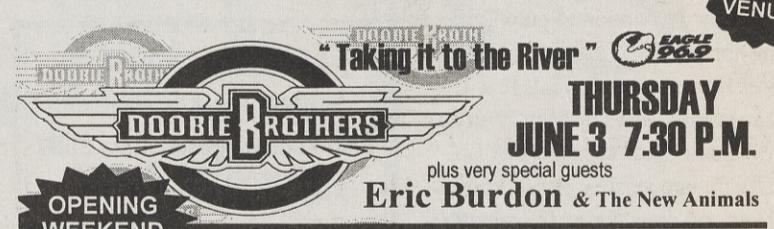
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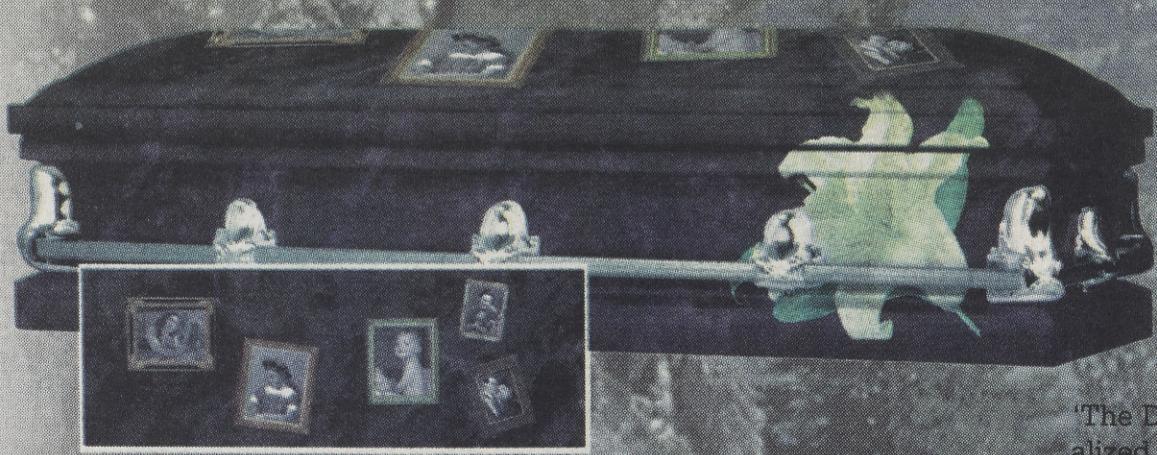
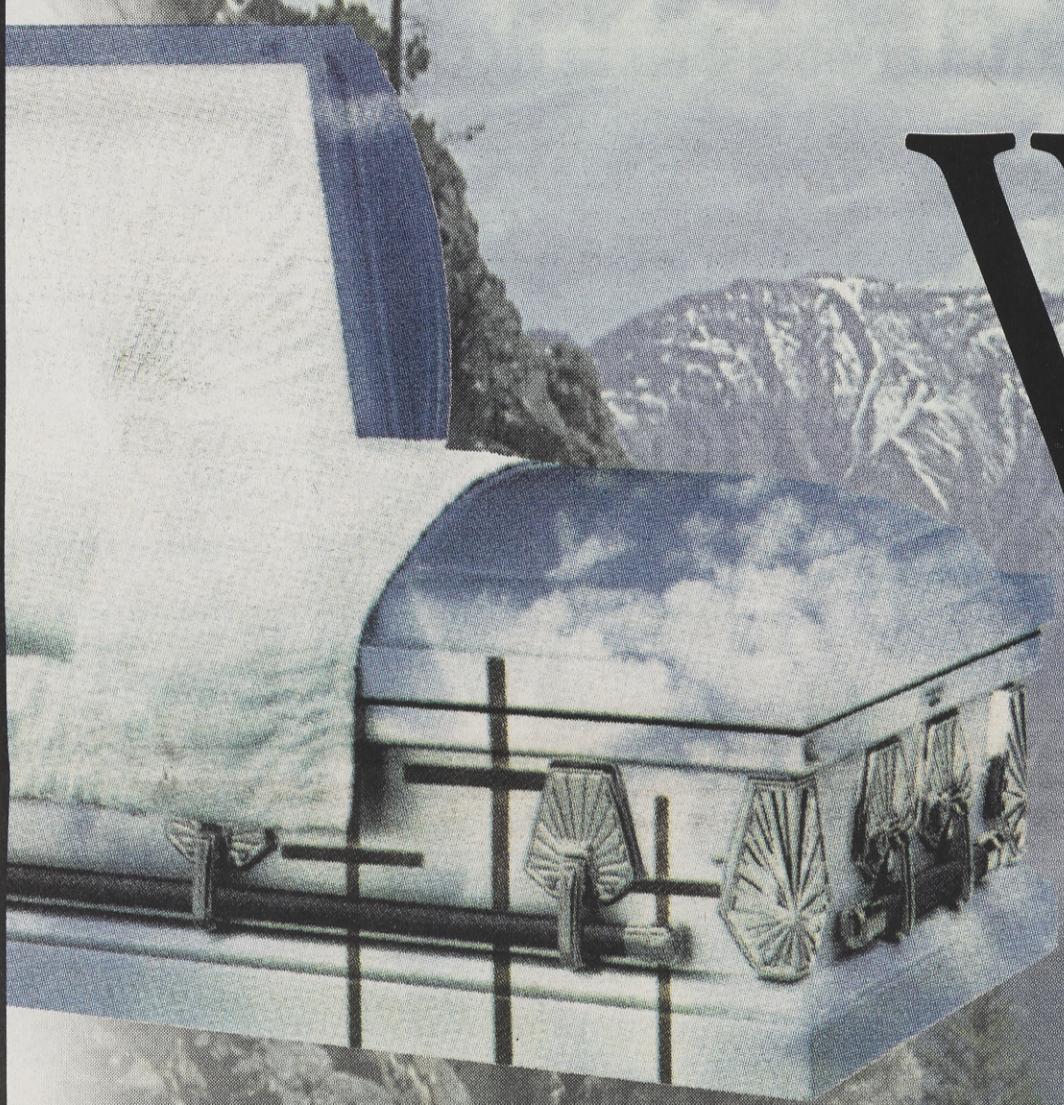
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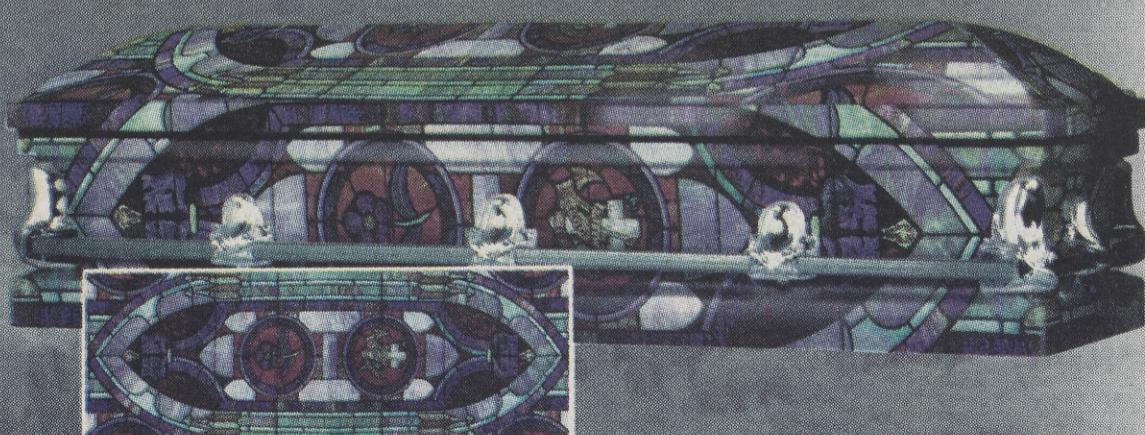
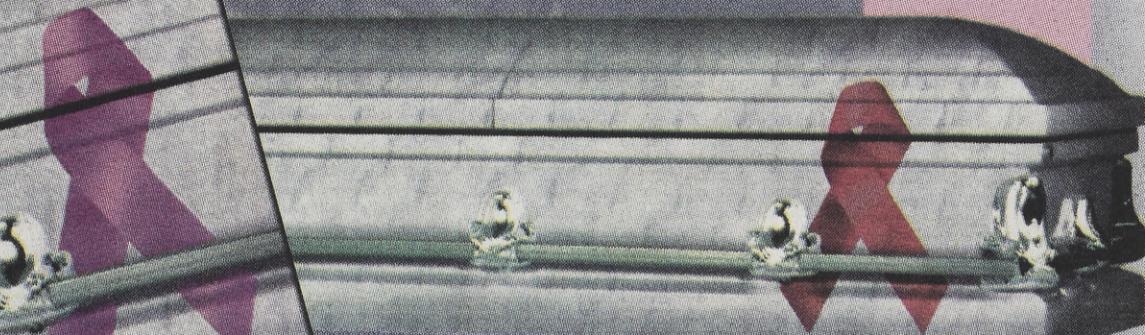
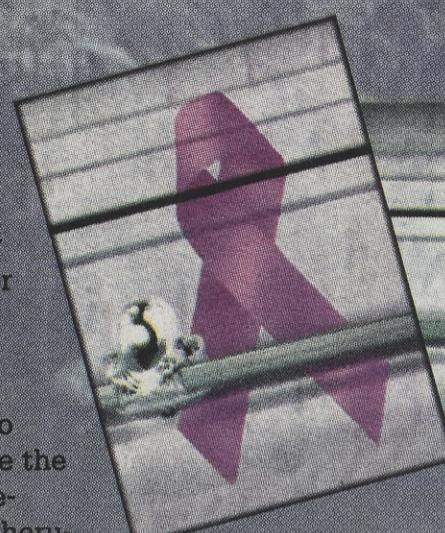
change in a half-century, a Texas casket design firm has a vision for the future. "As we move into the new millennium, there will be a desire to modernize our thinking about funeral services," Patrick Fant, managing partner of WhiteLight, said. "We want to appeal to the free-thinking Gen X crowd to depart from tradition and find in life a distinctive and unforgettable way to say goodbye."

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dent David Pearson recently stated in the October 1998 issue of *ArtCaskets.com* that the company is responding to consumer thinking and meet growing consumer demand for a more personal and meaningful way to say goodbye.

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OUT ON FILM

Class of 1999

by Stefan Grunwedel, MGW/Staff

Election. Starring Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon, Chris Klein, and Jessica Campbell. Directed by Alexander Payne (104 min., rated R)

Teaching high school must be an unsettling experience. Year after year, students bright and so-so, ambitious and withdrawn, graduate. They get out of town and get on with their promising lives. By contrast, their teachers remain at school, teaching the following year is students the same thing as before. The drill is the same; only the students (sometimes) change. They must really love to teach in order to survive standing still for so many years while many of their students achieve greatness.

Jim McAllister (Broderick) is just such a teacher. He loves to teach. For him George Washington Carver High School in Omaha is where he can prepare class after class for the real world ahead of them.

Most students are easy to handle. Tracy Flick (Witherspoon) is a different cookie altogether. Bright, ambitious, and over-achieving (not to mention arrogant and self-serving), Tracy is destined for Something Great. Running unopposed for class president, she apparently has the election all wrapped up when Mr. Mc decides to teach her a lesson about humility and true democracy by enlisting another student to run against her.

Paul Metzler (Klein) is the school's popular football player who is singularly unmatched (and unprepared) for the job of class president. But with his leg broken in a recent skiing accident (and him out of the season's football games), he's got time on his hands to run an effective campaign.

His entering the race naturally upsets Tracy, but she

becomes privately enraged when still others enter the race for class president.

One of them is Paul's own sister, Tammy (Campbell), who runs to spite her brother. As it turns out, Tammy's best friend Lisa (Frankie Ingrassia) has grown



weary of their relationship.

What began as idle curiosity about same-sexual attraction is blossoming as full-fledged lesbianism and she doesn't like that fruit, so to speak. After Lisa runs out on her, Tammy spies her making out with Paul, who has the gall (or is dumb enough) to go out with her.

What began as a way for Jim to mess with Tracy is sure-win turns the entire student body election topsy-turvy. At an election rally, for instance, Tracy delivers a cliché-ridden speech, while Tammy tells it as she sees it: the student body is powerless to effect real change in students' lives and she promises to do nothing if elected, because the whole thing is a sham anyway. The students cheer, the principal looks pissed, and Jim begins to



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Caption: Matthew Broderick and Reese Witherspoon prove to be interesting antagonists in "Election."

wants is power.)

Despite these disquieting aspects, *Election* is wholly enjoyable because the actors carry their roles so well—especially the

real teenagers, who are new to starring roles in feature films, yet portray their varied characters quite adroitly. (Reese Witherspoon is in her early 20s and perfect for her role.)

Not only is the acting delightfully watchable, but the story moves along at a brisk pace, helped along by Rolfe Kent's engaging score.

Most surprising is the portrayal of a blossoming young lesbian. Rather than show her in a pitiful

light or worse, as a strident, activist-type cliché, *Election* shows her in a respectable manner. Indeed, she is one of the few characters in the movie who apparently has it together enough to make a better life for herself.

Finally, Broderick's character is endearing, despite his flaws. No matter how stupidly he may treat those around him in school and at home, it's clear that he's simply trying to do what's best. He's not wildly ambitious, as Tracy is, but that doesn't mean he can't try to improve his life in his own small way.

Election plays at Landmark's Sacramento Inn Cinemas. For more information about show times, call the theater at (916) 925-4449 or go to the Landmark Theatre Web site at www.movie.net.com. Also check out the official movie Web site for production information, film clips, and interviews at www.electionmovie.com.

Local Filmmaker Pam Walton's New Film to Be Shown

A sneak preview of a documentary about the struggle for gay and lesbian rights within mainstream Protestantism is scheduled for May 16. The film by Pam Walton will be shown at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton, San Jose.

Every mainstream Protestant denomination in this country is wrestling with same-sex marriage and the ordination of openly gay and lesbian pastors. "We are being stigmatized by the faith-based communities from which we come," says Urvashi Vaid, Director of the National Gay

and Lesbian Task Force's Policy Institute. "Systemic bias is in need of systemic reform." Religious condemnation may be the last barrier to full acceptance of gay and lesbian people in this culture, and its reformation would have a profound influence on the fate of gay civil rights. "Call to Witness," a 56-minute documentary intended for national broadcast and educational distribution should play a part in that reformation.

"Call to Witness" tells the stories of three Midwestern Lutheran pastors, all of whom have defied the Lutheran Church's proclamations against "practicing homosexuals".

The shooting is done and editing is well under way. "Call to Witness" will be finished this summer, so that Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopalian, and Presbyterian congregations can be notified that the video has been completed and its available for screening. HBO has provided editorial advice, and the filmmaker has sights on a national broadcast within the year.

A donation of \$5-\$10 is requested at the sneak preview, as the screening will also act as a fundraiser for the final \$20,000 necessary to complete the film.

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Hollywood And Vine

FILM - The latest animated Disney musical opens soon though it seems like only yesterday that my local McDonald's ran out of 'Mulan' happy meals. Opening June 4th is **Tarzan**, featuring **Tony Goldwyn** (Ghost) as the voice of the vine swinger with **Minnie Driver** as Jane. Other voices come from **Nigel Hawthorne** (The Object of My Affection), **Glenn Close** and **Rosie O'Donnell**. It would appear that Disney musical alumnus, **Elton John** has been too busy as former Genesis lead singer, **Phil Collins** wrote and performed much of the film's music. On the night after **Tarzan** opens, Disney World, will host Gay Night at the theme park with a massive outdoor disco along Hollywood Blvd. Could **Fire Island** be the theme park's next attraction? ***

What has kept **Sir Elton** so busy lately? He is the Executive Producer and score composer on the first project from his production company, Rocket Pictures, called Women Talking Dirty. In the film, **Helena**

Bonham Carter (Maurice), plays a candid single parent from Edinburgh, who befriends a reserved cartoonist. Elton recently received the recording industry's new Diamond Album award which goes to artists who have sold 10 million copies or more. The prolific entertainer has just scored **Albert Brooks'** (Mother) next film, **The Muse** and is working with **Tim Rice** on songs for DreamWorks' next animated flick **El Dorado**. ***

Hitting art houses in early June is **Edge of Seventeen** featuring **Lea De Laria**. Set in 1984, Sandusky, Ohio the movie takes teenager, Eric, through the trials and tribulations of his first love and first time. Described as honestly written and superbly acted, the picture debuted at the 98 SF Gay film festival. ***

When **Notting Hill** opens in a few weeks you'll hear it referred to as the sort-of-sequel to **Four Weddings and a Funeral**. That's because it reunites **Hugh Grant** with that film's writer **Richard Curtis** and producer **Mike Newell**. In this romantic comedy, **Julia Roberts** is typecast as a famous American actress who falls in love while making a film in London. The object of her

romantic interest is book store owner, Grant. Advance word defines this as the vehicle to return Roberts to the box office hit list as her previous projects like **Stepmom** and **Conspiracy Theory** were financial disappointments.

The just concluded LA Independent Film Festival offered a number of notable films which could reach an art house near you in the months ahead. The movie, **Speedway Junky** offers more than just director **Nickolas Perry's** full length feature debut. **Gus Van Sant** (Good Will Hunting) is Executive Producer on this tale of a youth **Jesse Bradford** (Romeo & Juliet) who runs away to become a race car driver and ends up on the streets under the watch of Eric, a Gay hustler played by **Jordan Brower** (TV's Teen Angel). The cast also features **Jonathan Taylor Thomas** (Home Improvement) as a tough bisexual hustler and **Daryl Hannah** (My Favorite Martian) as a kind of former showgirl. Additional cast includes **Patsy Kensit** (Grace of My Heart), **Tiffani-Amber Thiessen** (Beverly Hills 90210) and **Justin Urich** (The Rage: Carrie 2). Perry's previous directing effort was **It Must Be The Music** in the movie of Gay short films **Boys Life 2** which also featured Justin Urich. ***

THEATRE - The long planned bio-musical on **Al Jolson** is in the works again. The show's authors **Sherman Yellen** and **Will Holt** are working with singer/actor **Sam Harris** of Star Search fame, to get the work back on track. The show has original tunes combined with numbers made famous by Jolson. This is not to be confused with a British import called **Jolson: The Musical** which began touring the US last Fall. The release of Harris' new CD, **Revival** has been delayed to coincide with a new theatrical concert he is planning for a limited Broadway run. *** **Buddy Thomas'** play, **The Crumple Zone** heads to an Off Broadway home this Fall. This winner of the 1998 New Voices Play Award focuses on 4 gay men and their inability to sustain relationships. Backers readings were held in LA last month featuring actor/comic **Mario Cantone**. ***

It's **Harry Groener** (Dear John) not **Roger Rees** playing Noel Coward to **Twiggy's** Gertrude



Ellen Degeneres: The Love Letter

On May 21st, Ellen Degeneres stars with Tom Selleck in a romantic comedy "The Love Letter," with Kate Capshaw, Blythe Danner, Geraldine McEwan, Julianne Nicholson, Tom Everett Scott, and Gloria Stuart.

Lawrence in **Sheridan Morley's** new revue, **If Love Were All**.

Previously performed under the name **Noel & Gertie**, the show focuses on the relationship between the author and actress. The show previews at NY's Lucille Lortel Theatre May 18th and officially opens June 10th. *** **Kathleen Turner** puts her sultry voice to good use in the one-woman show **Tallulah. Sandra Ryan's** biographical play begins a national tour this fall with hope of a Broadway premiere in Spring 2000. The work is set during preparation for a **Harry S. Truman** fundraiser, while hostess, Bankhead reminisces about her life. Turner made her **Tallulah** debut at England's Chichester Festival Theatre in July 97. *** SF's New Conservatory Theatre opens a production of **Key West** by **Jack Heifner** on June 5th. The sensual comedy explores the generation gap between younger Gay men and the alienated Gay men whose age has passed their waist size. *** A couple of awards shows are coming up in early

June. The Tony Awards air on June 6th though be forewarned that two different networks have them this year. They begin on PBS at 8pm followed by CBS at 9pm. The 44th Annual Village Voice OBIE Awards will be presented May 17th at NY's Webster Hall. **Lea De Laria** and **Paul Rudnick** will co-host the evening which features such presenters as **Betty Buckley** and **Swoosie Kurtz**. ***

What do you get when you combine the director of **My Best Friend's Wedding** with the writer of **To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar**? I say at least 50% crap as was the dud 'To Wong Foo'. Director **P.J. Hogan** and writer **Douglas Carter Beane** think differently as they have joined forces to bring Beane's play **As Bees In Honey**

Drown to the big screen. The story involves a rich socialite who relies on glamour, money and fame to lure a young novelist into writing a film version of her life. **Been there, saw that, and it was called 'Sunset Boulevard'**. *** The Fifth Annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Comedy Night hits the Luther Burbank Center for the Performing Arts in Santa Rosa June 12th. Two of this year's guests are **Marga Gomez** and **Doug Holsclaw**. ***

TELEVISION - The **Babylon** 5 spin-off series **Crusade** debuts June 2nd on TNT. The plot has **Gary Cole** (American Gothic) as the commander of the starship Excalibur whose mission is to find the cure to an alien virus intentionally released on earth. *** **Ellen DeGeneres** (Ed TV) is both star and Executive Producer of the HBO original film **If These Walls Could Talk 2** which explores issues of Lesbianism in the US. The film will consist of three different segments set through the 50's to the 90's.

DeGeneres joins **Sharon Stone** as lovers in the segment 'Miss Conception', which was written and directed by her partner **Anne Heche**. The episode also features Gay actors **Dan Butler** and **Mitchell Anderson** as a pair of lovers. The other segments are, **Women Only** about a 70's militant student who falls for a butt Lesbian and **The Widow** about an older woman who loses her life partner.

Emmy winner **Camryn Manheim's** (The Practice) autobiography, **Wake Up, I'm Fat** is out and so is she. Well, sort of. In an interview with Entertainment Weekly, the actress confesses the following... "I wanted to be a Lesbian. I tried to be a Lesbian and God knows I would have been a great Lesbian. After all, I lived in Santa Cruz, I had a motorcycle... I love women, they love me, fat and all, and my sister always said I would be one. I even gave it the good ole college try... But no, I had to settle for heterosexuality." ***

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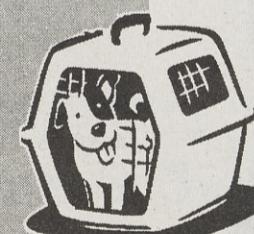
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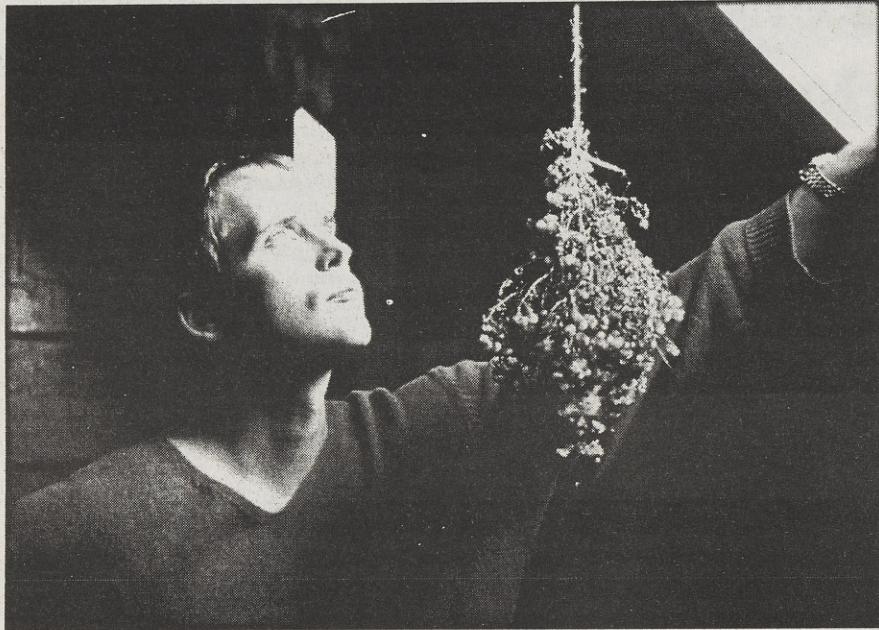
Hereafter). "Something New," Friday, June 18th at 9pm.

I Think I Do (TV premiere) – A modern screwball comedy about a gay soap opera writer who finds his unrequited college is more than ready to requite when they are reunited at a friend's wedding. Starring Alexis Arquette (*The Wedding Singer*), Lauren Velez (*I Like It Like That*, HBO's "OZ"). "Something New," Friday, June 11th at 9pm.

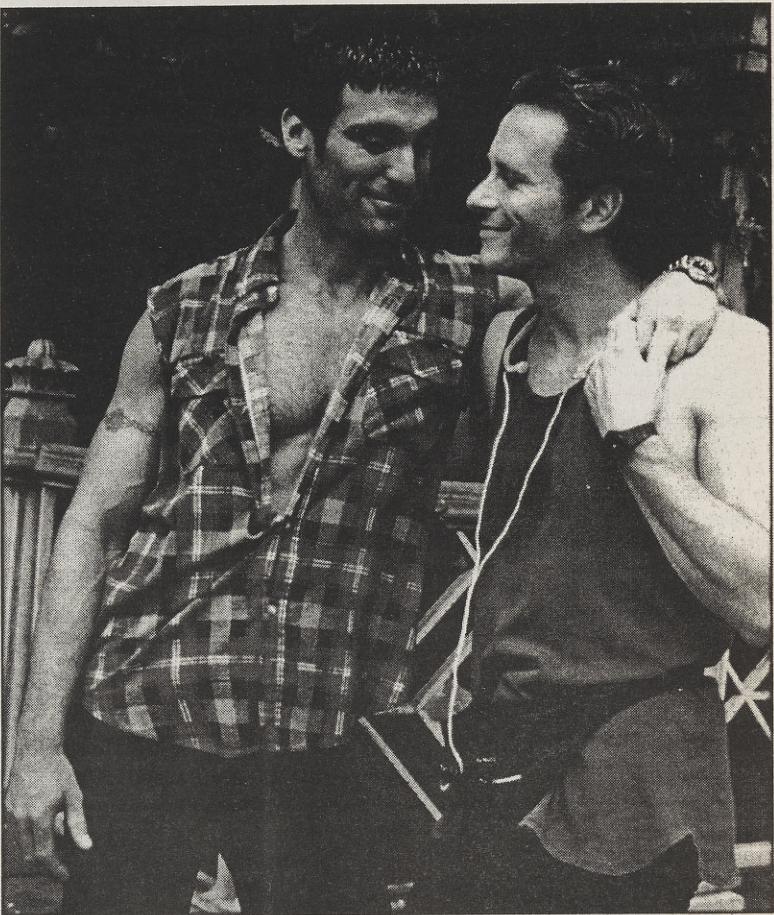
Out of the Past (Sundance Channel premiere) – This acclaimed documentary traces the impact of gay and lesbians throughout 400 years of American history, juxtaposed with the struggles of a present-day high-school student to form a gay/lesbian alliance in her public high school in Salt Lake City, UT. Features voice-overs by Gwyneth Paltrow and Edward Norton. "Matter of Fact," Monday, June 7th at 9pm.

Shorts Out Loud – *The Absolution of Anthony* (Dean Slotar), *Fishbelly White* (Michael Burke) and *Two Girls and a Baby* (Kelli Simpson), "Shorts Stop," Sunday, June 6th at 8pm.

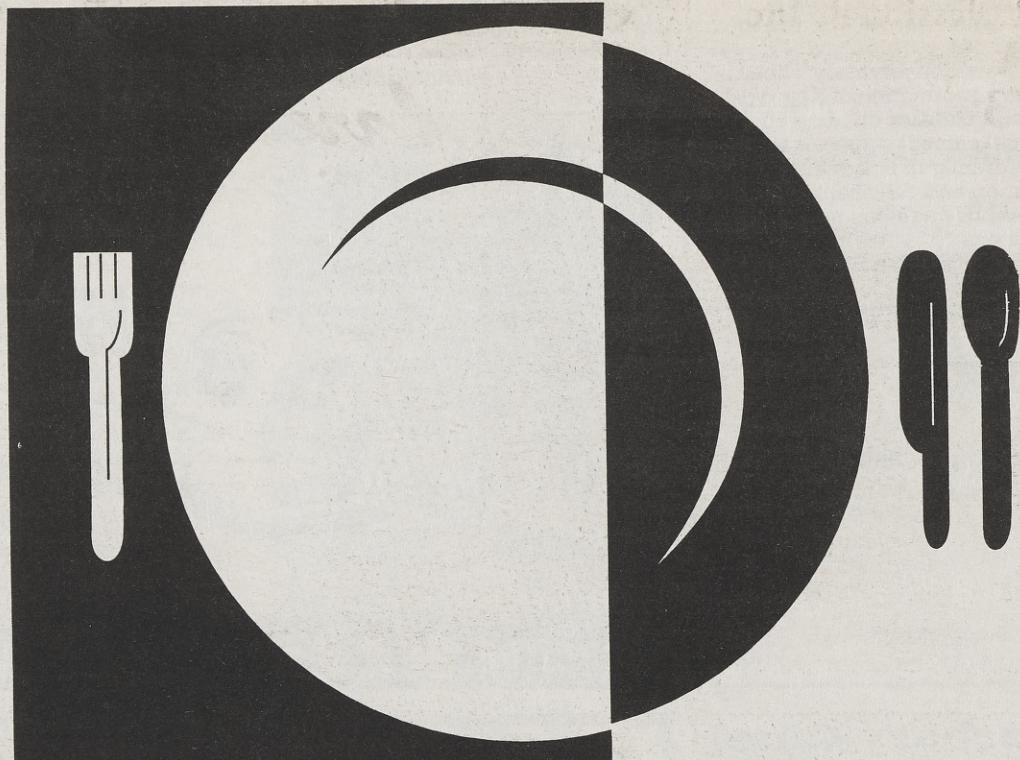
Other features include: *Entre Nous*; *Everything Relative*; *French Twist*; *Jeffrey*; *Kiss Me Guido*; *Lavender Limelight*; *Liquid Sky*; *Ma Vie En Rose*; *Maybe... Maybe Not*; *Parallel Sons*; *Thieves*; *Treyf*; *The Twilight of the Golds*; *Unzipped*; *The Watermelon Woman*; *Wild Reeds*.



William, Chris Leavins, returns home for his sister's wedding to find it haunted with childhood memories. *The Hanging Garden* will air on Sundance Channel on June 18 at 9pm, June 22 at 11pm, June 27 at 9pm ET/PT.



Fear of AIDS caused Jeffrey, Steven Weber, right, a young gay New Yorker, to take a vow of celibacy. When he meets Steve, Michael T. Weiss, left, he must decide if loving someone is worth the risk of losing them. *Jeffrey* will air on Sundance Channel on June 2 at 7:25pm, June 9 at 12:30am, June 14 at 3:45am and June 26 at 10:35pm ET/PT.



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Lambda Letters Update

The annual meeting of the Lambda Letters Project the following officers were elected:

Jan Hansen, Chair; Lori Norman, Vice-chair; Lynn Dobbs, Recorder; Michael Butler, Treasurer. Stefan Grunwedel, past board chair, announced his retirement from the board. He was their newsletter editor for several years and he will continue to serve the Project in that capacity.

Alan Beach, former vice-chair, did not seek reelection. He will continue to serve on the board and offer advice on fund-raising.

Jan Hansen has been active in BiPol San Diego, a bisexual political action group; the San Diego Bisexual Forum; Rainbow Outreach of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego; and the Speakers Bureau of the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Community Center. She also co-founded Partners for Peace with her partner, Lynn Dobbs.

Lori Norman is a transgendered woman who has been a member of Lambda Letters for about three years. She is also a registered nurse.

She volunteers at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center and participates in the trans group, Transgender Menace of Los Angeles. Lori participates in the effort to get a bill banning discrimination against the trans community introduced in the State Legislature.

Lynn Dobbs is a bisexual man who has been a member of the board for several years. He is also the Webmaster for the Project's Web page and has built the online site. Dobbs is affiliated with the Peace Resource Center of San Diego and BiPol of San Diego. He co-founded Partners for Peace with his partner, Jan Hansen. Lynn is also on the advisory committee of the Callifornia Ballet Company in San Diego.

Michael Butler is a gay man who has been Lambda Letters' treasurer for the past six months, filling in the remaining term vacated by former treasurer, Bob Maxie. Butler was Mr. Sacramento Drummer of 1997-87 and is the current president of the Valley Knights Motorcycle Club. He is also a former member of the Sacramento Valley Bears.

The group is eager to add more women and people of color to the board. Anyone interested in serving on the board is encouraged to contact 965-6851, LambdaLP@aol.com.

Lesbian Bereavement Group Forming

Attempts to form a bereavement for Sacramento have gone unrewarded. It seems there is no such thing in spite of an apparent need. With this in mind, MGW is helping to bring the requisite elements together. Facilitator/s are needed as well as a meeting space. If you can help, or have need of such services, contact MGW at 441-6397.

Boy Scouts and Unitarians Compromise

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have stopped the distribution of the "Religion in Life" emblem awarded to hundreds of boys each year by the Boston-based Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The BSA objected to a portion of the UUA manual denouncing the national scout leaders as homophobic. Compromising, the UUA agreed to place statements regarding the BSA's position on lesbians and gays under separate cover, removing them from their manual, while the Boy Scouts agreed to once again give out the UUA's emblems. In the meantime, the UUA, believing that homophobia, not

homosexuality is the sin, is seeking a place on the BSA's Religious Relationships Committee hoping to change the Scouts' anti-gay stance.

Three Killed In London Gay Bar Bombing

The White Wolves, a neo-Nazi organization, claimed responsibility for the April 30th nail bombing of a London gay bar, the Admiral Duncan Pub, which injured over seventy patrons and killed three. May 2 the police arrested David Copeland who states that he acted on his own. This incident is the third in a recent series of bombings that have targeted blacks and Bengalis. Prime Minister Tony Blair believes that the only possible value that can come out of these unfortunate

events is the unification of all components of decent society, regardless of race, sexuality, creed, etc., that want to create a safe and sane world to live. Info: Scott Long, Director of Policy, International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission at 415/255-8680 or through e-mail at scott@iglrc.org.

Cinema Against AIDS

Cinema Against AIDS 1999 will be Thursday, May 20th, during the 52nd International Film Festival in Cannes, France to raise funds for the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR). The gala dinner will feature live and silent auctions of "priceless" items. Last year's live auction featured a surprise performance by Sir Elton John and Ringo Starr.

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HIV HOTLINE

On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Bathhouse ballot...

Gay activists in San Francisco are pushing for city officials to reopen gay bathhouses, which were closed 15 years ago as the rate of HIV infection soared among the city's gay population. Health officials have permitted the opening of sex clubs, where men generally gather in common rooms and staff can check to see if condoms are being used. While the City Department of Public Health maintains regulations are needed to prevent the spread of HIV, some activists assert the City is being too cautious. Sponsors of the Sexually Transmitted Disease Reduction Initiative must gather 10,200 signatures by July 5 to have the measure put on the Nov. 7 ballot. The San Francisco's Health Commission notes that, while the original closure of public bath houses was due to a public health emergency, the same situation still exists. As of last month, San Francisco has recorded 25,976 cases of AIDS, which have thus far resulted in 17,814 deaths.

Settlement reached in dentist's suit...

A Massachusetts dentist has agreed to pay \$60,000 and provide free dental care to people with HIV as part of a settlement with the state for violating the Americans with Disabilities Act, the federal Rehabilitation Act, and the state Consumer Protection Act. The dentist denied dental appointments to people with HIV/AIDS, and would not allow an office assistant to work with a fellow dentist in his practice who treated a patient with HIV. The dentist will be required to provide 105 free appointments to people with HIV who lack

dental insurance through a program run by the Boston Public Health Commission.

Congratulations to new CGNIE court...

The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire will celebrate the new reign of Empress Alta Mae Redondo and Emperor Oscar Bautista at Joseph's on May 29. The new board of directors includes Maggie Moore, Terry Sidie, Michael Johnston, Paul Crouch, and T.J. CGNIE has long been a leader in the fight against AIDS in the Sacramento community. In the early years of the epidemic, when bed after bed at the Med Center was full, it was CGNIE that financed a television



for each and every person on the ward. It was CGNIE that planned regular BBQs and parties for those living in area hospices. Over the years, numerous local AIDS organizations have been the beneficiary of spontaneous fundraisers. Thanks, CGNIE. And congratulations to the new reign. Check www.cgnie.org on the web or e-mail Ducodfrgrl@aol.com for info on attending the May 29

investitures.

Access to HIV 'pill' debated...

Canadian AIDS activists are demanding that the so-called "morning-after pill," a powerful combination of anti-HIV drugs, be made available to everyone, including individuals who have unprotected sex and IV drug users. Currently, the high-dose treatment immediately after exposure — which some studies have shown can greatly reduce the risk of contracting HIV — is available only to health care workers and victims of sexual assault.

Financing the fight...

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates says he will give \$25 million over the next five years to the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative to enable

the group to more than double its efforts toward the development of a vaccine. The gift is the largest, single donation ever made to an AIDS-related cause. DuPont Pharmaceuticals has awarded \$1 million, to be given over five years to the new San Francisco HIV Prevention Coalition to focus on reducing the incidence of HIV among minority populations. DuPont says, "San Francisco is a place where we can have an immediate, positive impact," and they challenge other businesses to follow suit. Additionally, DuPont says it hopes to raise an additional \$5 million for HIV prevention and education programs. Don Diamond, a researcher from

the City of Hope Cancer Research Center in Los Angeles, has been given a \$528,000 grant to develop an HIV vaccine. Diamond hopes that his vaccine will increase the effectiveness of triple-drug therapy against HIV and boost the body's long-term immunity to the virus. The two-year grant was awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

Can those doing well cut back?...

People whose immune systems respond well to combination treatments may be able to stop taking antibiotics that ward off pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP), once a major killer of people with AIDS, recent studies indicate. Triple combination therapy that includes protease inhibitors and other HIV meds has subdued both PCP and toxoplasmosis encephalitis for many, and doctors have wondered whether some can safely stop taking the meds, prescribed for years as a precaution for those nearing the 200 T-cell marker. Test results from 262 patients indicate that it would seem reasonable discontinuing the preventative meds if CD4 counts exceed 200 for a sustained period, although it is not yet clear what the "sustained period" is exactly.

Researchers note that discontinuation would not be advisable for those with persistently high viral loads or for patients who do not experience a sustained response from traditional antiretroviral therapies. Over a trial of 12 months, prophylaxis was resumed in nine of the study's 262 participants. Neither cases of PCP or toxo were diagnosed by the study's close.

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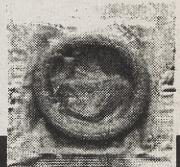
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Take HAART - Rules for a Successful HAART (Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy)

What?

* Keeping the right amount of drugs in your body is very important.

* If the level is too low, the virus may develop resistance.

* Always make sure you have enough drugs to last until your next doctor's appointment.

* Never reduce or change your dose on your own for even a few doses. It's worse than stopping completely.

* If you get unpleasant side effects, report them to your physician as soon as possible, but don't drop the dose until you talk with your doctor about it. Many side effects are temporary, and your physician may prefer to treat the side effects with additional medications until your body adjusts to the treatment therapy rather than discontinuing the drug.

But with nearly two dozen possible combinations of triple therapy, there should be one that works and is nearly free of side effects for most people.

Why?

* Taking anti-HIV drugs can change your life. Think it through properly.

* This may be a lifelong relationship between you and your drugs. Are you ready for that?

* The new anti-HIV combinations have special rules and work only if you take them properly.

* The rules involve taking the right amount, at the right time, and planning what you eat and when.

* If you don't take each drug in the right way, the virus can become resistant. The drugs can stop working and other anti-HIV drugs may not work later.

* Make certain you are seen by an AIDS-knowledgeable physician, and pay attention to his or her advice.

Even the experts disagree on when to begin therapy; make sure you understand all viewpoints. Take the time to choose the right point in your life to make such a big change and start anti-HIV drugs. On the one hand there are enough

drugs on the market to keep people with early HIV infection from progressing to AIDS for quite some time. On the other hand, the potent drugs have not been around long enough to project potential problems from long-term use. Read and learn as much about the drugs and make an informed decision.

How?

* Check which drugs have to be taken with meals and which on an empty stomach.

* Stick to this, or the wrong amount of drug will get into your body.

* Write out a chart or diet sheet of when you take each drug, what you can eat and when.

* If you're not sure when to take a drug or what food you can have, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

When?

* The time gap between doses of each drug has been carefully set to keep your drug level stable.

* Space the doses of each drug evenly around the clock unless your doctor says it doesn't matter.

* "3 times a day" usually means one dose every 8 hours, not at breakfast, lunch and dinner.

* If you forget a dose, don't panic. Just take the dose when you do remember and then take the next one as usual. But don't take double the next time. If you remember just before the next dose, adjust the two within a few hours' space between them, and then continue your usual regime with the next dose. And try not to do this too often (meaning not more than a few times a year, not a few times a week). By bedtime, make sure you've taken the total number of pills required that day.

* If you're sick and vomit up your dose (within less than 2 hours of taking a drug), take another dose to replace it, then take the next dose at the usual time.

* Try using a watch with an alarm, or making a chart to remind you. Or use a pill box containing one day's drug dosage so you can tell by counting if you've taken them or not.

California AIDS Ride 6

California AIDS Ride 6 presented by Tanqueray benefits the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. More than 2,500 bicyclists will participate in the 575 mile ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles from June 6th through 12th. It's the adventure of a lifetime and a life-changing experience both for the riders and for those using the HIV and AIDS services made possible by the AIDS Ride. In its five year history, the AIDS Ride has raised millions of dollars with net proceeds going to both beneficiaries.

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Cyclists return to Gas House Cove
and Walnut Creek.

In order that the many supporters of Team RCC may celebrate their success, and not have to travel to Los Angeles to attend the closing ceremonies on June 12, Team RCC will be having a pre-closing ceremony on Saturday, May 29th, 3:30pm, at the Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County, 2637 Pleasant Hill Road in Pleasant Hill. Info: 888-39RIDES.

This year for the first time, an organized team from Contra Costa County will participate: Team RCC (Rainbow Community Center), the largest AIDS Ride team in California with seventy registered riders hailing from Alamo, Bay Point, Concord, Danville, El Cerrito, Hercules, Kensington, Lafayette, Martinez, Richmond,

Dermatologist's Tips to Combat Summer Skin Risks of Sun Exposure, Poisonous Plants and Nickel Allergies

Dr. Pamela Scheinman, a dermatologist with the New England Medical Center, recommends sunscreens with an SPF of at least 15 to reduce sun damage of skin and cancer risk. She advises, "Be sure to apply liberally every day and at least 30 minutes before going outdoors. Use the waterproof form when swimming or during strenuous activity and re-apply often."

Two-thirds of all Americans are allergic to poison ivy, oak or sumac. Reactions can begin as quickly as 10 minutes after exposure with blisters and itching lasting up to 10 days.

"The allergens are long-lived so direct contact isn't needed. Even petting a dog that has been through a poison ivy patch can result in a reaction," says Dr. Scheinman, adding,

"Protection is available in

over-the-counter products that are applied like a sunscreen to



protect against the oils found in these plants."

Nickel, in jewelry, snaps and buckles, is the fastest growing and biggest cause of contact

skin dermatitis in North America today, states the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*. "Nickel allergies have increased 40% during the past five years," says Dr. Scheinman.

"Nickel rashes increase during the summer, because sweat leaches nickel from metal - typically jewelry. To avoid these problems look for jewelry made with surgical stainless-steel studs. You may buy a nickel test kit and check jewelry using a cotton swab," notes Dr. Scheinman.

For those who suspect nickel sensitivity, try nickel-safe jewelry such as Simply Whispers, available on-line at simplywhispers.com. Call 800-451-5700 for free catalogs, retail locations, and where to purchase nickel test kits. For information and links to skin care and health websites, log onto hypoallergenic.com.

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The cost for the auto (not a limo) and driver, approximately \$275 (for approximately five hours service) is beyond the CommitteeÆs budget. Therefore, weÆre seeking corporate/individual underwriters to cover the cost of transporting Del and Phyllis.

In return for a minimum \$25, each underwriter will be noted in all press releases (print and other media), will be invited to a private reception with Del and Phyllis at my home, and be provided one ticket to the reception at no additional cost (tickets are \$10 at the door).

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Lyon is a cofounder of the National Sex Forum and The Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality.

Martin was the first open lesbian elected to the National Board of the National Organization for Women (1973). She was inducted into George Washington High School's Alumni Hall of Merit in 1990 as an open Lesbian.

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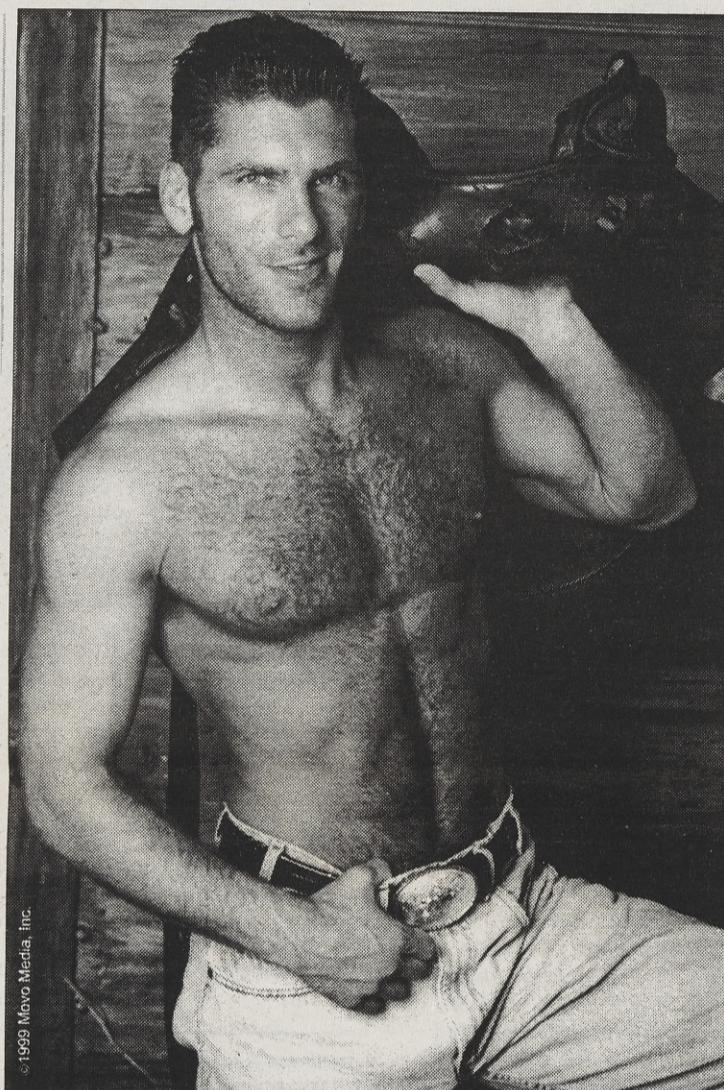
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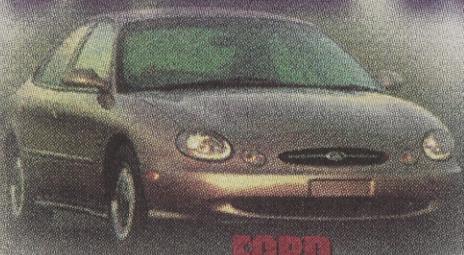


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